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1 MS. O'KEEFE: Thank you. I'm Kathleen O'Keefe. I'm with a neighborhood law office in East St. Louis, Illinois and I'm also a member of the East St. Louis Community Action Network, and I was disappointed that there was not more notice given of this hearing. I didn't see anything in the legal notices, which I religiously read, or the -- I think the earliest I saw something was Monday and that did not allow the public to get a copy of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

2 And since I didn't have a chance to get a copy, my comments today are basically based on emotion rather than anything that's in the report. And number one, I would like to also ask for an extension of the public comment period, the six-month extension that Ms. Andria asked for, and so this appeal is that the DOE go with the no-action alternative and devote the money that would be spent for the Yucca Mountain project to studying a safe, environmentally-friendly way to get rid of the nuclear waste that's on site at the various companies.

3 And in addition, I think that the public deserves information about the consultants and the engineers who worked on this project in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Department of Energy and what their connections are, present and past, to the nuclear and utility industries. And that was a question that I wanted to ask, but there wasn't time and is there a way to get that information from the department? I mean I don't know who I'm supposed to be asking, but I'm asking.